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Iranian leaders fail to agree on PM
TEHRAN, May 12 (R) — Prospects for the appointment of a provisional prime minister of Iran suffered a setback tonight when the ruling Revolutionary Council and the cabinet failed to decide on a nominee. After a joint meeting of the council and the cabinet, a spokesman said: "There were no negotiations about choosing a prime minister and I see it as improbable that a premier will be chosen." He said this was because the country's new parliament — which would have to approve any government appointments — would be assembling soon, and a prime minister would only be appointed in advance of this if it was felt to be a matter of urgency. President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, who earlier today held talks with the son of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has been trying to set up a broad-based government under a moderate premier before parliament convenes. But the effort appeared tonight to have run into problems, apparently because of opposition by the Islamic Republican Party which dominated the country's recent parliamentary elections.

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'Eurogroup' aides urge NATO unity
SSELS, May 12 (R) — NATO's 11 European members expressed deep concern about the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and called on the 15-nation alliance to maintain cohesion. A joint communique reaffirmed their commitment to shoulder their share of defence, especially in view of the Gulf and the Indian Ocean. The communique, issued at a one-day meeting of defence ministers of the "Eurogroup", said: "Ministers also reiterated the view that the continued presence of substantial U.S. and Canadian forces remain essential to the alliance as a whole." Tomorrow's session of the alliance's larger defence planning committee will be attended by U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown. Defence ministers will be joined by foreign ministers on Wednesday for a special dinner to show NATO solidarity in the light of the Afghan and Iranian crises.

Regional Briefs

John Paul II to the world
Peshawar, May 12 (R) — Pope John Paul II, who is on his way to the Soviet Union, said today that he was being held in the Soviet Union. He said that he was being held in the Soviet Union. He said that he was being held in the Soviet Union. He said that he was being held in the Soviet Union.

Prime Minister's office
Cynthia Dwyer, who was arrested by Revolutionary Guards at a hotel last Monday night. "They will only say that she is arrested. They won't tell us who is holding her, where or why," she said. "Guards from Tehran's 'number four' revolutionary committee last Tuesday that they had arrested an American de military person, presumed to be Mrs. Dwyer, for spying, but they later denied and because, having arrested anyone."

ASUS, May 12 (R) — A high-ranking Soviet economic delegation arrived here today for an official four-day visit to discuss bilateral cooperation. The delegation was led by the chairman of the state committee for external economic relations, Mr. Semyon Skachkov, who is in charge of the visit as part of the work of the Syrian-Soviet joint committee which meets annually to discuss economic and technical cooperation between the two countries. A Soviet banking delegation arrived here today to discuss cooperation between the two banks' central banks.

French Defence Minister
Yvon Guérin arrived here today from Saudi Arabia on the second stop of a tour of the oil-rich Middle East states. Diplomatic sources said the trip is part of an effort to increase cooperation between these states and France in various fields, including military training and the purchase of French military equipment. The official Riyadh Radio announced yesterday that following talks between Mr. Bourges and his Saudi opposite number, Mr. Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, the two sides signed an agreement for the sale of French naval equipment to Saudi Arabia. During his stay in Saudi Arabia, Mr. Bourges will have talks with the ruler, Sheikh Khalifa bin Abdul Aziz, and the defence minister, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Abdul Aziz. Mr. Bourges is also expected to visit Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

South Korean President
Choi Kyu-hah met King Khalid of Saudi Arabia and several of his ministers today. The Saudi Press Agency reported. The agency said the Saudi team who arrived yesterday on the first-ever visit by a South Korean delegation to Saudi Arabia, also discussed South Korea's participation in Saudi Arabian projects amounting to about \$2 billion (about \$2 billion), the agency said. South Korea, which is heavily dependent on Arab oil, aims to import 230 million barrels of oil this year. President Choi will also visit Qatar and Kuwait.

Hot gusty winds
bearing tons of sand swept most of Egypt today, causing the closure of the Suez Canal. The 160-metre waterway connecting the Red Sea and the Mediterranean was closed by the winds halfway through its crossing. The Canal Authority ordered the closure when visibility was reduced to a dangerous degree. Desert highways linking Cairo with Canal cities of Suez, Port Said and Ismailia were ordered closed because of poor visibility and creeping sands covering the desert. Cairo airport was still functioning, airport officials said.

The leader of Turkey's
Muslim fundamentalist party, Mr. Necmettin Erbakan, has been asked to postpone a planned visit to Iran this week, the Iranian embassy here announced today. Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr had told Mr. Erbakan, chairman of the National Salvation Party (P), for a three-day visit starting on Thursday. But Iran has asked Erbakan to postpone the visit until a later date because it would clash with the forthcoming Islamic conference in Islamabad, embassy said. Mr. Erbakan was the first Turkish party leader to be invited to neighbouring Iran since the revolution there.

Khalil quits as premier

CAIRO, May 12 (R) — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil submitted his cabinet's resignation today in preparation for major political and economic changes expected to be announced by President Anwar Sadat on Wednesday. Dr. Khalil told reporters the cabinet submitted its resignation to President Sadat to allow him to introduce changes in the country. In his letter of resignation, Dr. Khalil said: "Now that a new stage of national action begins, we are confident you, Mr. Sadat, will make the correct decisions taking into consideration the country's interests."

Dr. Khalil's cabinet
was formed in June last year and was the first party government under President Sadat's multi-party system. It represented the National Democratic Party led by President Sadat himself. Dr. Khalil said his cabinet had done its best and carried out the government's plan with "great capability and honesty."

Dr. Khalil told
reporters that he was placing himself at the disposal of President Sadat "and I will be willing to serve in any position he may ask me to fill."

U.S. confident autonomy talks to resume soon

WASHINGTON, May 12 (R) — State Department officials said today they were confident that Egypt and Israel would resume their stalled Palestinian autonomy talks soon. The negotiations were discussed at a White House meeting today between President Carter, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Middle East negotiator Sol Linowitz. Mr. Muskie, who has been in office less than a week, also was briefed at the State Department by Mr. Samuel Lewis, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, and Mr. Alfred Atherton, the ambassador to Egypt. The ambassadors were brought back for consultations following Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's surprise announcement of an indefinite suspension of the talks with Israel.

Egypt's next move
was expected to be outlined in a major speech by Mr. Sadat on Wednesday. At the State Department today, spokesman Tom Reston told reporters: "There is no crisis. There is nothing dramatic." Mr. Reston said the administration meetings were designed "to review where we stand" in the Middle East negotiations. Emphasising that the talks have not been called off, he added: "We hope that they'll get geared back up in short order." Department officials said they expected talks to resume before May 26, which originally was set as a target for agreement on autonomy for Palestinians on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



Israeli soldiers on the King Hussein Bridge push back three deported West Bank leaders trying to return to their home towns Sunday. (See story and photos on page 3)

Israeli police forces Jerusalem Arabs to end commercial strike

TEL AVIV, May 12 (Agencies) — Israeli police today forced Arab shopkeepers to go to their stores in occupied Jerusalem in an attempt to break a week-long commercial strike. Elsewhere in the occupied territories, partial strikes were observed to protest the expulsion of three Palestinian leaders to Lebanon.

Israel Radio
reported that large numbers of police and border troops patrolled the Arab sector of Jerusalem. By mid-afternoon, many merchants had been forced to open their shops. Several shopkeepers in Nablus and Al Bireh heeded a call by a Palestinian group known as the "National Guidance Committee" for a three-day strike protesting Israel's refusal to allow the expelled mayors of Hebron and Halhoul and the Hebron religious judge to return to their homes. But troops later threatened to use force to open the shops and the merchants complied with orders to open their stores.

Arab youths
in Ramallah and Nablus threw stones at Israeli vehicles, and one driver was slightly injured when a stone smashed his windshield, a spokesman for the military government said.

Yesterday, Israeli troops
blocked an attempt by the three to cross the bridge on the Jordan River into the West Bank. A spokesman for Israel's military government in the West Bank said response to the strike call was partial in the towns of Ramallah, Tulkarm and Jenin.

Meanwhile, troops
maintained curfews in Hebron, where Palestinian gunmen killed six Jewish settlers on May 2, and in the village of Anabta, where an Arab youth was killed in a struggle with an Israeli officer on May 1.

The Guidance Council
consists of 25 heads of municipalities, women's organisations, trade unions and charitable organisations.

isations and is regarded
by many Palestinians to be the most influential political body in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The council called
the strike to protest the expulsions from the West Bank ten days ago of Arab mayors Fahd Qawasm and

Mohammad Milhem
and religious judge Sheikh Rajab Tamimi, deported to Lebanon for alleged incitement against the occupation.

Israeli authorities
warned the mayors and chambers of commerce of most West Bank towns to ignore the strike call.

Egyptian group accuses Sadat of adopting individual decisions

CAIRO, May 12 (R) — A group of 54 prominent Egyptians, including two former vice-presidents and five former ministers, today called for a more representative system of government and criticised what they described as ad hoc individual decisions.

In a statement, they
accused President Anwar Sadat's government of disregarding the constitution and making opposition irrelevant.

As an example of ad hoc
individual decisions the statement cited President Sadat's decision last month to offer the U.S. military facilities for its abortive attempt to rescue the American hostages in Tehran. The cabinet was not consulted, the statement said.

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King receives Hebron leaders Jordan to complain against deportations

AMMAN, May 12 (Agencies) — Jordan has instructed its permanent ambassador to the United Nations Dr. Hazem Nuseibeh to present an urgent complaint to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim about Israel's deportation of three leading West Bank leaders on May 3, the Jordan News Agency (JNA) reported.

The Israeli measure
constitutes an overt policy for evacuating the occupied Arab territories of their legitimate inhabitants as a prelude to Judaising the Arab territories and establishing settlements on them, the message said according to JNA.

The foreign ministry
has also instructed Jordan's permanent representative at the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva to present a similar complaint, the agency reported.

His Majesty King
Hussein yesterday received at the royal court the three deported leaders. He told them that Jordan will continue to exert its efforts with all determination on the Arab and international levels to secure the return of legitimate rights to their owners, in line with its national commitment and in support of the Palestinian people.

King Hussein
described Israel's deportation measure as an indication of its true intentions and said "it exposes the plan for autonomy rule (in the West Bank and Gaza Strip) as a fraud lacking any sense and meaning except that it would legitimise Israel's aggression and occupation."

King Hussein
emphasised that the Arab Nation should strengthen its solidarity and build up its self-strength in order to counter Israeli aggression and defend the Arab homeland.

During the audience,
the three deported leaders explained to the King Israel's aggression in Hebron and other parts of the occupied West Bank, especially the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron, JNA said.

They said that
they now resort to the international community, international forums and the International Red Cross to seek their return to their homes.

The three Palestinian
leaders meanwhile called for economic and oil sanctions against the United States for its backing of the Zionist state.

The Kuwait News
Agency (KUNA) today quoted the Palestinian leaders as saying that while the United States wept for Islam in Afghanistan it supplied Israel the most sophisticated weapons to kill the Muslims in Jerusalem, Hebron and other parts of Israeli-occupied territories.

KUNA said the
three leaders were interviewed after their abortive bid yesterday to return to the West Bank when Israeli soldiers blocked the King Hussein Bridge over the River Jordan. (See page 3)

The leaders said
the U.S. had blockaded Iran for the sake of 50 hostages while there were thousands of Arabs in prisons of the Israeli occupation forces.

Report slams Israeli financial management

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 12 (AP) — The state comptroller, Israel's watchdog over the government, today slammed the state's financial management and warned against the danger of an economic collapse.

Mr. Yitzhak
Nebenzhal, introducing the 30th annual comptroller's report in a news conference, also warned against a foreign debt that was growing by one dollar per day for each of the 3.6 million Israelis. He said the debt grew by \$1 billion in the nine months up to last January to reach a total \$11 billion.

He cautioned
that Israel will soon be unable "to buy oil and raw materials, to equip the army and to pay our internal and external debts unless we adopt drastic changes, not in a few years, but now."

Mr. Nebenzhal
also took a swipe at the much vaunted army, which he found lagging in manpower, equipment and preparedness for war. In a reserve division he spotted, Mr. Nebenzhal found vehicles held on a reserve war footing without batteries and with empty gas tanks.

Some reserve
units were 20-75 per cent short of manpower in professional fields like the signal corps. Ammunition was missing and unaccounted for, he said.

Continuing
defence missions assigned to one brigade were not carried out in full, partly because the manpower and weapons were "below standard," the report said.

Lebanese rightist leader rejects Israeli 'protection' of Christians

RUT, Lebanon, May 12
— A rightist leader today rejected Israel's offer of protection for Lebanese Christians in Lebanon, saying it was to serve its own ends in the region.

Israel has its own
interests and it is using them to justify its interference in Lebanon, said Chamoun in an interview published by the independent newspaper Al-Anwar.

Chamoun, younger
son of former President Camille Chamoun, heads the "Tigers" militia, his father's National Liberal Party. The Tigers were the second militia the right-wing in Lebanon's civil war that an alliance of leftists and Christians.

During the 1975-76
secular conflict that Israel began to publish links with the leading political parties of Lebanon's 1.5 million-strong Christian community. The Christian forces of the Lebanese Front, allegedly

received 60 super-Sherman
tanks and long range artillery from Israel during the civil war, which was snuffed out by an Arab force in November, 1976.

Israeli Prime Minister
Menachem Begin has since made several declarations committing Israel to "defend" Lebanon's Christian community "in any confrontation."

Mr. Chamoun's
statement today was the first public criticism ever voiced by a Lebanese rightist leader of the Israeli role.

"Israel tries to
convey to the world the impression that it is helping and protecting the weak. We should not have allowed the Israeli manipulation to go that far," Mr. Chamoun said.

Mr. Chamoun
said he was willing to undertake a tour of the Arab World to explain to all Arab governments the intricacies of the Lebanese problem.

Almost all Arab
governments were critical of the cooperation that developed between Lebanon's rightists and Israel.

This cooperation
shifted lately to southern Lebanon, where U.N. peacekeeping forces have been caught in the crossfire of Palestinian cross-border raids and Israeli reprisals.

Israel supports
and arms rightist militias of Lebanese army renegade right-wing major Saad Haddad, who controls a ten-kilometre-deep enclave along Israel's 95-km-long border in southern Lebanon.

Mr. Chamoun's
criticism of Israel is expected to draw a sharp repudiation from Maj. Haddad, who boasts allegiance to the overall leadership of the rightist "Lebanese Front" rather than to the central government of President Elias Sarkis.

Mr. Chamoun
said the National Liberal Party maintained "permanent contacts" with the Palestine Liberation Organisation for "the good and welfare of Lebanon and the Lebanese." But he did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, leftist
and right-wing Lebanese militias battled for the second straight day today to capture a strategic mountain that commands a string of summer resorts some 50 kilometres north-east of Beirut, police reported.

A spokesman
said mortars, rockets and heavy machine guns were used in the new outbreak that shattered a short-lived ceasefire worked out by Arab peacekeeping forces to end yesterday's combat.

No casualty
figure was immediately available for today's flareup. Police said 12 combatants were killed and 18 wounded yesterday.

At stake
are several peaks of Mount Sannin that forms the border between the 2,000-square-kilometre right-wing enclave of Mount Lebanon and the leftist-controlled Bekaa province in eastern Lebanon. Both leftists and rightwingers have maintained positions on Mount Sannin since the country's 1975-76 civil war. Combatants abandon their positions in winter because of heavy snow. When the snow melts in spring, each side hurries back to re-establish and expand control over the peaks, making the clashes a yearly routine.

The spokesman
said the action was in response to a call by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi last year for the people to take over running the country. Last September eight Libyan missions abroad were taken over by popular committees.

A spokesman
for the committee at the Vienna embassy said some of the embassy staff would stay on in Austria. The ambassador however would return home, as "he is a representative of the government," the spokesman said.

The spokesman
said that as the people were now running the Libyan Jamahiriyah, it was only logical to extend this control to Libyan missions abroad.

In Ankara, the
Libyan ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Saadeddin Abu Shwerib, attended the meeting at which the peoples committee was elected but he was not made a member of the committee, a spokesman said.

A Swiss
foreign ministry spokesman said the Swiss government had been informed of the change today by a note from the Libyan embassy. "We consider this change in the Libyan embassy as an internal affair which does not affect either the status of the embassy or our relations with Libya," he said.

The ambassador
to Bangladesh, Mr. Ali Hossain Al Gadhamsi,

told a press
conference in Dacca the change had been agreed between the governments of Bangladesh and the Libyan Jamahiriyah.

In Bern, the
embassy charge d'affaires and other staff knew in advance that the embassy would be taken over and would work with the five-member committee now controlling the mission in its day-to-day running, a spokesman said.

In East Berlin,
former Ambassador Mohammad Matmati told reporters "I am happy I am no longer the ambassador. It is the will of our people."

In Warsaw, a
spokesman at the former Libyan embassy said details of how the new bureau will operate would be announced in the next few days.

A five-member
popular committee peacefully took over the Libyan embassy in Belgrade.

The only sign
of the change was a huge banner on the roof of the embassy building bearing the inscription: "Peoples Bureau of the People's Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah."

Visiting Portugal trade minister holds talks on cooperation with Jordan

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — The visiting Portuguese minister of trade and tourism, Mr. Basilio Horta, held talks with Jordanian ministers here today on cooperation between Jordan and Portugal in several fields.

At the end of a second round of talks held today between Mr. Horta and Minister of Tourism Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz, the two sides agreed to draw up a general agreement on bilateral cooperation in industry, trade, irrigation, dam building, tourism and civil aviation. The agreement will be signed here tomorrow.

Mr. Horta met with the Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Nsour today to discuss increasing the volume of trade between the two countries, and the establishment of joint ventures as well as the exchange of technical expertise.

At a meeting with Minister of Transport Ali Subeimat, he discussed the possibility of concluding a joint agreement on transport and operating a regular air route between Lisbon and Amman. The Portuguese minister also met today with Minister of Agriculture Qasem Al Rimawi to discuss scopes of cooperation in farming and the training of Jordanians in irrigation and soil preservation.

Mr. Horta yesterday met for a first round of talks with Dr. Fawwaz to discuss bilateral cooperation in tourism. Dr. Fawwaz briefed the Portuguese minister and his delegation on Jordan's plans for promoting tourism.

Mr. Horta also met yesterday with the Minister of Information, Dr. Sa'id Tal, who briefed him on Jordan's stand vis a vis the Palestine problem. The Portuguese minister, for his part, said that his country wants to maintain strong ties with the Arab World based on mutual understanding.

Mr. Horta arrived in Amman on Saturday for a visit that will last several days. He is expected to sign an agreement on Jordanian-Portuguese cooperation in technical and trade fields during his visit.

Syria-Jordan maritime co. considers buying 2 new ships

AMMAN, May 12 (JT) — The Syrian Minister of Transport, Mr. Muharram Tayyara, said here today that the Syrian-Jordanian joint maritime transport company is considering the purchase of new ships to add to the existing two, the *Barada* and the *Yarmouk*.

Mr. Tayyara was speaking shortly before departing for home at the end of his three-day visit to Jordan. He said the company, established in 1976, is encouraged to take the step by its 1979 profits of two million Syrian pounds.

During the visit, Mr. Tayyara

Jordan, Kuwait issue joint statement

AMMAN, May 12 (Agencies) — Jordan and Kuwait said today Gulf security was the responsibility of its littoral states and should remain free from power struggle.

A joint Jordanian-Kuwaiti statement on a three-day visit by Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, also said the Indian Ocean should remain an area of peace.

Sheikh Saad met His Majesty King Hussein and held talks with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf.

Sheikh Sabah left later for Damascus.

His talks covered current Arab affairs, with special reference to the Palestinian issue and the continuing Israeli occupation of Arab

territories, the statement said. There was an identity of views on all questions discussed, it added.

Jordan and Kuwait stressed their commitment to further Arab solidarity and support all efforts that could lead to common Arab action and the mobilisation of all Arab potential in the face of the dangers and challenges facing the Arab World, the statement said.

They also pledged to do everything in their power to build indigenous Arab strength which would be able to liberate occupied Arab territories and help the Palestinians to recover their inalienable rights, the statement added.

Jordan and Kuwait also pledged to continue to support the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Crown Prince Hassan and Sharif Abdul Hamid accepted invitations to visit Kuwait on dates to be fixed later.

In a departure statement at Amman airport, Sheikh Saad said his country was prepared to contribute to vital projects in Jordan which will promote the prosperity of the people of this country. He expressed his government's admiration for the wise policies of King Hussein which foster the unity of Arab ranks.

The Kuwaiti Crown Prince conveyed a written message from the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, to His Majesty King Hussein.

The statement said the two sides expressed their commitment to implementing Arab summits resolutions in their totality.

"They asserted their conviction in the need to base relations among nations on mutual respect and on the principles which should govern international relations, particularly those stipulated in the charter of the United Nations... the inadmissibility of intervention in the internal affairs of other states and cooperation in preserving, strengthening and maintaining world peace and security in a constructive spirit and through

consultation. They also affirmed their rejection of all foreign intervention which could endanger world peace and security," the statement said.

Jordan and Kuwait expressed their satisfaction with the encouraging results achieved in bilateral relations and asserted their intention to go on consolidating those relations in all fields.

The Jordanian negotiating team included Minister of Justice Najib Inshaidat, Minister of Finance Salem Masa'deh and Minister of

Commander, Flight Lt. Gen. Salah Jwaiber.

The Kuwaiti group today taken on a tour of military positions, the units of the Armoured Division, watched on an exercise ammunition. The tour was accompanied by the Commander in Chief, General Zaid Ibn Shaker, Commander of the Jordanian force, Lt. Gen. Salah

Kuwait's Sheikh Saad meets with His Majesty King Hussein and Sharif Abdul Hamid

State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem.

The Kuwaiti team included Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah; Minister of Finance Abdul Rahman Al Atiqi; and Minister of State for Administrative and Legal Affairs, Sheikh Salman Al Du'eij Al Sabah.

A number of senior military and public security officials on both sides took part in the talks.

On the Kuwaiti side were Interior Minister Under-secretary Maj. Gen. Abdul Latif Fayal Al Thwaini; Brig. Mohammad Abdul Aziz Al Badr, from the Defence Ministry—armed forces general command; and air force Brig. Abdul Aziz Al Sayegh.

On the Jordanian side the talks were attended by the Director of Public Security, Maj. Gen. Mahmoud Al Khalil; Assistant Chief of Staff, Brig. Fathi Abu Taleb; and assistant Air Force com-

The delegation also heard a briefing on the current situation of the Jordanian Forces.

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At the barricades

OBSERVING the scene in the middle of the King Hussein Bridge over the River Jordan on Sunday, one could not help asking oneself anew what force it is that enables those helmeted figures on the other side of the barricade to push the unarmed people on this side away from their homeland.

The mid-bridge confrontation as three Palestinian leaders tried to re-enter the homeland from which they had been summarily deported the week before was, of course, a "media event" calculated to arouse the conscience of the world with regard to all the injustices inherent in the Palestine dilemma.

Before the three leaders and their supporters arrived at the bridge, however, one could watch the less dramatic, more routine scenes which are played out there every day: the passage back and forth of tourist buses and produce trucks; the repressed rage of the university lecturer refused entry by the Israelis for no explicable reason; and throughout, the patience of the crowds of ordinary people — young mothers with babes-in-arms, students with their possessions tied in bundles, sick old ladies sitting wearily in the shade — waiting to cross into their homeland and knowing of the delays and humiliations lying ahead of them on the other side of the muddy river.

It is a patience bred of thirteen, or 32, years of exile. Aided by the strong arm of the struggle for justice, it is a patience and a yearning that must soon inexorably yield its reward.

The actions of the Israeli occupation forces, in evicting the Palestinians, demolishing their homes, expropriating their land for settlements and, as we have seen, literally pushing them out of their land, are no longer being greeted with indifference by the world community. At the bridge on Sunday, the Palestinians, as Mayor Milhem said, came armed only with the Security Council resolution calling on Israel to allow them to return home. Does the world community accept that its will, thus expressed, should prove no match for the arbitrary orders of an occupation army with which the Israelis seek to rebuff the determination of the three leaders — and the 1,600 other deportees, and the millions of Palestinians outside the homeland — to reclaim their national rights and their human dignity?

It is significant that, while the world press recorded Sunday's events from the Jordanian side of the bridge, there were no reporters or television cameras in evidence on the Israeli-occupied side. It was equally obvious that it was not the strength of a few Israeli soldiers that was really pushing the Palestinian people away from their homeland, but a much greater force supplied virtually in toto by the United States of America.

With the escalation of the popular struggle inside the occupied territories, there is at the same time an upsurge of concern over the illogical fact that Arab oil and Arab wealth continues to contribute to the arsenal of might with which the United States nurtures and supports the Zionist settlers, squatters and arrivistes in Palestine. This is a contradiction which cries out to be resolved. A trip to the barricades on the river drives home the awful truth of that.

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AL RA'I: His Majesty King Hussein explained while receiving Mayors Fahd Qawasm and Mohammad Milhem and Chief Qadi Rajab Tamimi that the Arab Nation has no choice but to close ranks and build up its indigenous Arab strength, to be able to face aggression and protect the Arab homeland.

The march back to the homeland performed by the three deportees constitutes a test of all peaceful means which, it is said, are needed in order for the Palestinian people to regain their legitimate national rights.

The march was a peaceful attempt to implement the Security Council resolution which asserted the deportees' right to return to their homeland and families. In this sense, the march was no different from any of the previous peaceful attempts to arrive at a formula for a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

King Hussein emphasised in his meeting with the three leaders that the deportation reveals the intentions of the enemy, and exposes the conspiracy of the local autonomy scheme, which does nothing but provide legality to occupation and aggression.

AL DUSTOUR: By preventing the three Palestinian leaders from re-entering their homeland, Israel has once again proven to the world that it is continuing its defiance of the international community. It has, thus, acted against principles of justice and humanity, and contradicted the simplest human rights and principles.

This is happening while the world's conscience has not yet awakened to this human tragedy which is being perpetrated in its cruelest form in our occupied land.

His Majesty King Hussein, in instructing the government to raise the issue at the United Nations, has emphasised Jordan's keenness to work for the Palestinian cause first, and then to confront the world organisation—and the whole world—with its duty in the wake of the open Israeli challenge to the latest Security Council decisions.

The King called on the Arab nation to build up its intrinsic strength to defeat the enemy and formulate a strategy for dealing with a cruel enemy who understands no language but that of force, oppression and aggression.

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1980 agricultural survey is running short of funds

AMMAN, May 12 (JT) — This year's agricultural survey will have to be postponed until 1981 unless more funding is made available. Dr. Burhan Shraideh, director of the Department of Statistics, told the Jordan Times today.

The survey is conducted by the department every five years on all demographic and socio-economic aspects of agriculture, including

production and the ownership of land and animals. The last survey took place in 1975.

When the 1980 government budget was drawn up last year, the Department of Statistics industrial survey was lumped together with the agricultural survey. Financing for both was then slashed to less than half of what the department had asked for. The industrial survey is now under way with the help of grants from other government agencies, but finances for the agricultural survey remain short.

Dr. Shraideh stressed the importance of the survey for planning and research in the agricultural sector. He said an agricultural steering committee has been formed to coordinate financing and all other aspects of the survey among interested parties.

He will head the committee, which includes Dr. Subi Qasem, dean of Agriculture at the University of Jordan; Dr. Sa'id Shamout from the Ministry of Agriculture; Dr. Munthir Hadadin, vice-chairman of the Jordan Valley Authority; Dr. Basal Jardaheh, vice-president of the National Planning Council and Dr. Sami Sunna, acting director of the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

Also on the committee are Mr. Abdul Mun'im Abu Nuwwar, executor of the 1975 agricultural survey, and Mr. Zaki Takhroui, executor of the upcoming survey. Both are employees of the Department of Statistics.

This week representatives from the Ministry of Supply, the Central Bank, the National Resources Authority, the Agricultural Marketing Corporation and Agricultural Engineers' Association will be appointed to the committee.

The steering committee will meet for the first time next week.

Arab draft ILO decision drawn up

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — The government today endorsed a draft resolution to be presented to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), condemning Israel's establishment of settlements in the occupied Arab territories.

The resolution will be presented to the U.N. headquarters in Geneva before it goes to the ILO conference, which will be held there next month.

Jordan will be presenting the resolution on behalf of the Arab group, in implementation of a decision taken at an Arab Labour Organisation meeting in Baghdad in March.

The resolution refers to Israel's amendment of article 83 of the Jordanian labour law in force in the West Bank. This amendment affects elections in, and membership of, labour unions.

The Arab resolution also deals with the adverse effects on Arab labourers of the presence of Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab lands, as was made clear in a recent ILO report on the condition of labourers in the Arab territories.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Film

The Goethe Institute presents an art film by Ulf Mische entitled "John Gluckstadt" (1974), based on the novel by Theodor Storm. The film (in black and white) was awarded the "Bundesfilm" prize in 1975. It is subtitled in English and starts at 8 p.m.

Yarmouk University cultural week

The third part of Yarmouk University's cultural week, organised by the Arabic department, focuses this afternoon on folklore and traditions in Jordanian literature. Mr. Naif Abu 'Ubeid, a local poet, will recite some of his work from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and an open discussion will follow from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. A number of Jordan's literary figures have been invited. Visitors from outside the university are welcome.

An art exhibition of works by Jordanian artists is showing until May 15 in the university library.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG LADIES

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Local News Briefs

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein will open at the Amman Chamber of Industry tomorrow a conference on education in Jordan. The Ministry of Education, which is organising the three-day conference, has prepared seven working papers to be presented to the conference's nearly 250 participants. The papers evaluate the educational process in Jordan and means of developing it. The seven papers deal with improving curricula, text books, and vocational training methods, and with finding the manpower, needed for teaching as well as with school buildings and their requirements of laboratories, playgrounds and related needs.

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday authorised Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat to sign documents for the establishment of an Iraqi-Jordanian overland transport company. The company, with an initial capital of \$3.5 million, will work to facilitate the passage of goods and passengers between the two countries. The company's charter will run for 50 years.

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday approved an agreement for cooperation in social development with Iraq. The agreement, signed last month, provides for the exchange of expertise, university professors and scholarships, and cooperation in vocational training. The agreement also provides for the two countries' cooperation on the development of the 'Allan social centre and for an Iraqi loan to the Jordanian Social Security Corporation totalling 1.5 million Iraqi Dinars.

AMMAN, May 12 (JT) — The trade attaché at the Hungarian embassy yesterday presented the deputy director of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), Dr. Fakhreddin Daghestani, with a collection of laboratory glassware as a gift from the government of Hungary. The glassware will be used by the industrial chemistry department at the RSS. Hungary gave the RSS another collection of laboratory equipment last year.

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — Minister of Tourism Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz today deputised for His Majesty King Hussein at a ceremony held at the Palace of Culture on International Nursing Day. Speakers at the ceremony, who included the Under-secretary of the Ministry

of Health, Dr. Rizq Al Rashdan, outlined the importance of a humane profession. At the end of the ceremony Dr. distributed diplomas to 44 male and female nurses who completed a training course. He also distributed prizes and those nurses who excelled in the performance of their duties.

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — A Soviet boxing team will visit Jordan on May 19 for a week-long visit to Jordan. The team will compete against the Jordanian national boxing team.

AMMAN, May 12 (JT) — Five charitable organisations received a total of JD 450 worth of gifts today from the American War Veterans. In a ceremony at the Intercontinental Hotel, the U.S. ambassador, Mrs. Patricia Velozes — who is honorary president of the group — congratulated representatives of the five organisations. They include the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, the Institute for the Mentally Retarded in Tafila, the Amir, the Orphanage in Salt, the Arab Fund and the Friends of the Society. The last two named run kindergartens in Baq'a Ca

TUNIS, May 12 (JNA) — Arab League Secretary General Khamis al Ghandi arrived in Amman Tuesday for a five-day visit to Jordan. He will meet with His Majesty King Hussein and discuss with the Minister, Abdul Hamid Sharaf, and top Jordanian officials subjects related to the Arab economic summit due to be held in Amman in November. He said his talks will also deal with the situation in the region and means of coordinating and unifying efforts in dealing with the Middle East crisis.



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| (for every 100) | 35.00/35.20 |
| Japanese yen | 129.50/130.30 |
| (for every 100) | |
| Dutch guilder | 149.40/150.30 |
| Swedish crown | 70.30/70.70 |
| Belgian franc | 102.40/103.00 |

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy, with a decrease in temperature and a probability of scattered rain, especially in the northern and middle regions. Winds will be north-westerly moderate. In Aqaba winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

| | Overnight | Daytime |
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| high | 22 | 32 |
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| Aqaba | 20 | 30 |
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Israeli troops force back West Bank leaders at bridge



Israeli occupation troops guard the western end of the King Hussein bridge.



Mayor Muhammad Milhem and Sheikh Rajab Tamimi, backed by their supporters, begin their march across the bridge. (All photos on this page by Ron Cathell)



At the barrier in mid-bridge, the three leaders confront the Israelis.

By Ron Cathell
delegation and William Lee
headquarters Times Staff Writers

of the West Bank last week
May 12 -- Three Palesti-
nians, who were deported by Israel
last week, began an attempt yesterday to
cross the King Hussein bridge and return to their
homes.

Israeli soldiers repelled the
three men and hundreds of their
supporters, whose surges against
the Israeli barriers caused the
crowd to become unruly.

On all of the bridges, the
crowd was so large that it
was impossible to control.
The Israeli army used tear gas
and live ammunition to clear
the bridges.

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bridge to sway above the River
Jordan.

The three, Mayors Fahd
Qawasmi of Hebron and
Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul,
and the chief qadi of Hebron,
Sheikh Rajab Tamimi, were trying
to implement a U.N. Security
Council resolution calling on

Israel to allow the three men to
return.
The resolution, passed last
Thursday by a 14-0 vote with only
the United States abstaining,

Some placards read: "America
is the number one enemy." Long
banners said the Israeli deporta-
tions violated the Geneva con-
ventions and United Nations
resolutions and said Israel must
comply with the Security Council
resolution.

Mayor Milhem tried to push his
way past the Israeli soldiers and
managed to advance slightly with
the support of the surging crowd.
More Israeli troops quickly
arrived and thrust Mr. Milhem
back over the gate; he fell back
onto the crowd. Shoving matches
ensued led by an Arab frontline

helmeted Israeli soldiers try to hold back the surging crowd.

As tensions rise, the Israelis bring up rein reinforcements with riot gear.

Mayor Milhem (centre) and the others try to push their way through the barrier.

A Palestinian woman joins the front line of the struggle at the barricade. Mayor Fahd Qawasmi is at lower right of picture.

termed the deportations illegal
and ordered Israel to return the
men, who were taken from their
homes, hooded and flown by
helicopter to southern Lebanon in
the early morning hours of May 3.

At 10:45 yesterday morning the
three men approached the Israeli
soldiers standing behind portable
gates in the middle of the bridge.
They asked for permission to
enter the occupied West Bank,
and the Israelis replied with sil-
ence. Sheikh Rajab eloquently
explained their right to return
based on human justice and the
Security Council resolution, and
the Israelis again responded with
silence.

Behind the three leaders, a
crowd of several hundred Palesti-
nians began to lose patience, and
their emotions heightened. Wav-
ing placards and giant banners,
they began to chant "Palestine is
our land," "P.L.O., Israel no!",
and "Palestine is the land of the
free, from the river to the sea."

Mr. Milhem and Mr. Saleh, with
much assistance, separately
knocked down two of the gates
and began climbing over, but were
thrown back into the arms of the
crowd. Some members of the
crowd hit out with their cardboard
placards, breaking the sticks over
the helmeted heads of the Israeli-
who hit back with the broken
pieces. A few demonstrators
tried to restrain others from
striking the Israelis, while
members of the press perched
precipitously on the elevated sup-
ports of the bridge to record the
event.

The Israelis refused to allow the
foreign press to cover the event
from the Israeli side, and stopped
a Jewish peace group from reach-
ing the bridge to greet the three
leaders. Jordan, however, per-
mitted correspondents of Ameri-
can, European and local news
agencies to record the event.

During one lull in the con-
frontation, Mayor Milhem told
the Jordan Times:
"As you see, we came peace-
fully. All the people here have no
arms. The only arms they have is
the Security Council resolution.
When we came, they (the Israelis)
read the governor-general's
resolution, which to them is
stronger than the resolutions of
the world body, is stronger than
the resolutions of the Security
Council. Now the answer is for the
Security Council, for the world
body: should these people con-
tinue to challenge the United
Nations resolutions? Could they
continue to challenge these people
who want to go in peace back to
their homes, and their children,
which is a human right?"

"There should be an answer
before it is too late. And, if it is
too late, the whole area will burn
up. And the oil, which the United
States and the civilized world
depend on and they are led on it
like babies, will burn in their faces.
Because their oil is turned into
Phantoms and tanks to be burned
into our faces and to refuel the
helicopters which took us to South
Lebanon."

"I am planning to continue my
struggle to the end. These people
won't stop. The Arab World won't
stop. All the Arab World are with
us. We are sure that they will be
with us."

"The day will come, as I told the
officer here, when they will throw
themselves into the sea. We tell
them, 'Look, look for your gen-
erations to come, 40 or 50 years
from now. What's going to hap-
pen? The world will awake and the
Arab World will awake and the
Palestinians will continue and they
will not continue. And in this case
what happens? The Jews, the chil-
dren, they are going to be exposed
to another holocaust.' Begin
insists that there should be a
holocaust, and I insist that no
holocaust should come, for the
Arabs or for the Jews."

All the Israelis would agree to
do was to check once more with
the military governor-general's
office and return with definitive
instructions. In the meantime, it
was agreed, the bridge would be
cleared completely on both sides.
Sheikh Rajab and the other Arab
leaders asked their followers to
pull back from the bridge for five
minutes while the final Israeli
answer was awaited.

Mayor Milhem told the assem-
bled press corps: "We know the
answer... We know the Israelis.
We hope that one day we will
achieve our safe return."

Asked what the deportees
would do next, he said: "We are
going to escalate and reinforce our
struggle for our right to return.
The Arab states and the Arab
League and the PLO are all going
to press the Security Council to
implement its resolutions. We will

spare no means whatsoever, in
America, in Europe, in the Arab
World, anywhere in the world, to
secure a safe and honourable
return for us and the other depor-
tees who were pushed by force
from their families, from their
universities, from their farms in
Palestine."

Finally, the Israeli officer
approached the barriers, carrying
the governor's radioed reply. The
mayors, the sheikh, Mr. Saleh, the
press and Palestinian notables
such as the President of Birzeit
University, Dr. Hannu Nasir,
approached the Israelis to hear the
answer.

"This deportation order is still
in power and as long as it is in
power you can't enter," the officer
said, quoting the governor.
"That's all I have to say."

After hearing the answer, the
group realised that their point had
been made. Those still sitting at
the end of the bridge where they
had awaited the Israeli reply, con-
tinued to sing and chant. They
joined the West Bank leaders on
the bridge and engaged in a chorus
of Palestinian nationalist songs.

A group of young women, many
of them from the University of
Jordan, intoned: "Long live the
brotherly ties between the Pales-
tinian and Jordanian people."

The three leaders were hoisted
on the shoulders of the crowd and
carried away from the bridge,
chanting victory slogans for hav-
ing shown the world Israel's true
image.

PLO executive committee member Abdul Jawad Saleh (pointing), presses the demands of the three
community leaders in front of him.

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China fights inflation with more government controls

PEKING, May 12 (AP)—Inflation, even though moderate—is something new to the People's Republic of China. The customer fights it by complaining and the government by ordering crackdowns on unauthorized price increases.

Such steps as fines, suspending the bonuses of market managers and returning money to customers have been reported in China following investigations of price increases or disguised price boosts—such schemes as substituting lower quality products or

putting an existing product in a new package and calling it a new product, which a new price. But there have been no signs of customers protesting by refusing to buy certain items. With many goods scarce in China, and such things as grain, cotton cloth, bicy-

cles and television sets rationed, customers still demand them. With the government setting prices, these scarcities have not as a rule brought higher prices.

After years of steady prices, however, the government started the price increases last year when it moved to boost farmers' incomes by paying more for farm products. For foods other than such staples as grain and cooking oil, prices paid by consumers also were raised, but urban workers were receiving a five-yuan (\$3.33) monthly subsidy to cope with this. Some products also now can be sold on free markets, but there are price guidelines for these.

Since last year, the government has told all those involved in commerce that they would not be allowed to join in the price-hoarding. If their costs rose, it said, they must find ways to lower their production costs.

Last month, the government set a one-month deadline for cancellation of all unauthorized price hikes of the last five months. It said they were burdening the people and harming the government's prestige. It blamed these increases on enterprises seeking bigger profits and bonuses. After the downfall of the Communist Party's radicals in 1976, profits now are encouraged again, but they are supposed to be achieved by hard work.

In its warning last month, the government also said prices would be held stable for such necessities as grain, cooking oil, cotton, sugar, salt, rent, tuition, utilities and transportation charges. It said there would be no further increases for the next several years after boosts last year.

World needs coal

LONDON, May 12 (Agencies)—Coal is the only fuel which could supply the bulk of the extra energy the world will need in the next 20 years but output would have to rise to two and a half or three times the present level, an expert report published today said.

The world coal study contains the conclusions of 80 experts from 16 coal producing nations who spent a year and a half examining the subject under the leadership of Professor Carroll Wilson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The study suggested coal would have to supply between 50 per cent and two thirds of additional energy the world will need during the next 20 years.

"The world cannot depend on a supply of petroleum any greater than that received in 1978," said British participant Sir William Hawthorne, master of Churchill College, Cambridge, and a former government energy adviser. "In spite of a substantial increase in nuclear energy, most of the increase in energy will have to come from some other source. This source must be coal," Sir William said.

The report said a massive effort would be needed to produce and ship the coal, adding that, for example, international trade in steam coal would have to grow by 10 to 15 times. It said this would need an estimated 1,000 new bulk carrier ships of 100,000 tonnes each. The experts reported they were "cautiously optimistic" that the required investment in coal, predicted at \$1,000 billion for countries within the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), could be made.

"The amount of capital required to expand the production transport and user facilities to triple the use of coal is within the capacity of domestic and international capital markets, though difficulties in financing large coal projects in some developing countries may require special solutions," the study said.

It said technology existed to enable coal to be mined and burned in ways that met environmental objections, adding that the technology could be applied without unacceptable increases in cost. The study said: "The present knowledge of possible carbon dioxide effects on climate does not justify delaying the expansion of coal use," adding that action was needed at once to begin raising coal output and use if energy needs are to be met.

It said coal reserves were very large, many times those of oil and gas, and were capable of meeting increased demands well into the 21st century when newer energy sources might be made extensively available.

Countries involved in the study were Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, West Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia, the main foreign oil supplier to the United States, will maintain its current 9.5 million barrels-a-day oil output at least through the end of this year, the Newsletter Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reported yesterday.

The widely-followed publication said Saudi authorities at the highest level approved the policy.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, May 12 (R)—Following are the buying and selling for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| One sterling | 2.2808/10 | U.S. dollar |
| One U.S. dollar | 1.1770/81 | Canadian dollar |
| | 1.7905/15 | West German mark |
| | 1.9750/65 | Dutch guilders |
| | 1.6600/6615 | Swiss francs |
| | 28.81/84 | Belgian francs |
| | 4.1885/1910 | French francs |
| | 846.25/847.00 | Italian lire |
| | 227.10/30 | Japanese yen |
| | 4.2235/858 | Swedish crowns |
| | 4.9260/9310 | Norwegian crowns |
| | 5.6075/6125 | Danish crowns |
| One ounce of gold | 512.00/514.00 | U.S. dollars |

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 12 (R)—The market closed mixed after a relatively quiet session, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index down 3.4 at 433.1.

Government bonds rallied from a weak opening to close much as 1/4 point higher. Oil shares attracted buying with BP and Shell both up 1/2 point. Several leading industrial shares were lower, the ex-dividend technicality while banks ended unchanged. G shares drifted lower while U.S. and Canadian stocks were mixed with an easier bias.

British Sugar advanced 20p to 206p on news of a bid for W Berisford which dipped 10p to 142p. Tate and Lyle rose with a rise of 8p to 134p. Unilever recovered early losses to end higher at 413p after 416p following figures. Results prompted a gain of 4p in British Home Stores, closing at 286.0. Am electricals Thorn and Rucal lost 4p apiece while GEC gave up

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

| Name of Company | Par Value | Number Traded | High | Low | Closing Price |
|---|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Al Ezdihar Insurance Co. | JD 1,000 | 100 | 2,560 | 2,560 | 2,560 |
| Jordan Dairy Co. | JD 1,000 | 440 | 1,390 | 1,380 | 1,380 |
| Arabian Development and Investment | JD 2,000 | 75 | 1,380 | 1,380 | 1,380 |
| Arabian Seas Insurance Co. Ltd. | JD 5,000 | 600 | 10,900 | 10,900 | 10,900 |
| Islamic Bank | JD 1,000 | 2,250 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Petra Bank | JD 10,000 | 40 | 14,250 | 14,250 | 14,250 |
| Housing Bank | JD 1,000 | 450 | 2,020 | 2,000 | 2,020 |
| Jordan Kuwait Bank | JD 1,000 | 270 | 2,270 | 2,270 | 2,270 |
| Industrial Development Bank | JD 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| Arab Bank | JD 10,000 | 5 | 112,000 | 112,000 | 112,000 |
| Arab Company for Paper | JD 1,000 | | | | |
| Manufacture and Trade | JD 1,000 | 1,000 | 0.980 | 0.980 | 0.980 |
| Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co. | JD 1,000 | 550 | 3,250 | 3,250 | 3,250 |
| Jordan General Mining Co. | JD 1,000 | 600 | 1,500 | 1,480 | 1,480 |
| Arabian Investment and International | JD 1,000 | | | | |
| Trading Co. Ltd. | JD 1,000 | 1,500 | 0.970 | 0.960 | 0.970 |
| Arab International Hotels Co. | JD 1,000 | 50 | 1,010 | 1,010 | 1,010 |
| Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. | JD 5,000 | 244 | 27,500 | 27,500 | 27,500 |
| Arab Company for Aluminium Industries | JD 1,000 | 810 | 1,310 | 1,310 | 1,310 |
| Jordan Electricity Co. | JD 1,000 | 6,525 | 1,930 | 1,930 | 1,930 |
| International Construction and Investment | JD 1,000 | 3,600 | 1,030 | 1,020 | 1,020 |
| Jordan Cement Factories Co. | JD 10,000 | 73 | 19,150 | 19,150 | 19,150 |
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| Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co. | JD 1,000 | 1,142 | 0.800 | 0.800 | 0.800 |
| Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co. | JD 1,000 | 264 | 1,430 | 1,430 | 1,430 |
| Garage Owners Federation Office Co. | JD 1,000 | 40 | 5,250 | 5,250 | 5,250 |
| Jordan Phosphate Mines Co. | JD 1,000 | 272 | 3,480 | 3,480 | 3,480 |
| Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co. | JD 5,000 | 972 | 9,900 | 9,850 | 9,900 |
| National Steel Industry | JD 10,000 | 30 | 16,170 | 16,170 | 16,170 |

Total Volume Traded on Monday, May 12, 1980: JD 61,408

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Baseball roundup

W YORK, May 12 (AP) — Chicago's Wrigley Field and Boston's Fenway Park, both hit by a pair of slugger's bats, produced a couple of home runs Saturday.

In Chicago, where the winds gusted up to 40 kilometres per hour, three-run homers by Jerry Martin and Mike Vail and solo shots by Barry Foote and Bill Buckner powered the Cubs to a 9-5 victory over the San Francisco Giants, who also hit four home runs. The Cubs had 17 hits, 10 for extra bases, including a double and a double by Lenny Randle.

In Boston, the Kansas City Royals out-hit the Red Sox 18-13. Every Kansas City starter hit safely. The Red Sox were led by Dwight Evans' five RBI, three on his fourth homer of the season.

In other American League afternoon games, the Oakland A's edged the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 and the Milwaukee Brewers edged the Baltimore Orioles 5-3.

In the National League, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Philadelphia Phillies and the Montreal Expos beat the New York Mets by 5-3 scores.

In National League night action, Houston was at Atlanta, Los Angeles at St. Louis and Pittsburgh at San Diego.

In the American League, Minnesota was at New York, Chicago at Texas, Detroit at California and Cleveland at Seattle.

Burt Hooten and Jerry Reay combined to cool off St. Louis on his hits and Ron Cey drove in two runs to pace the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-3 triumph over the Cardinals.

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Diego Maradona achieves soccer fame

LONDON, May 12 (R) — Such is the impact Diego Maradona has made during his brief soccer career that British fans have already added his name to their list of all-time greats. The 19-year-old's breathtaking performance in Argentina's 3-1 win over Scotland at Glasgow's Hampden Park last June promptly elevated him into the ranks of Pele, Cruyff and Di Stefano.

Tomorrow night England must attempt to stifle the Argentine's talents when the countries meet in a friendly international at Wembley stadium.

Following Barcelona's abortive attempt to import him into Spanish soccer, Maradona is being billed here as the "six million dollar man". Liverpool midfielder Ray Kennedy will probably be handed the unenviable task of Maradona's marker but his lack of pace could leave him chasing shadows under Wembley's floodlights.

England Manager Ron Greenwood, a devotee of entertaining soccer, is excited by the prospect of seeing the teenage sensation in action. He said: "I am looking forward to seeing young Maradona as much as the spectators. I have never seen him play but I have read a lot about him. I think it is going to be quite a game. Argentina must come to Europe in two years to defend the World Cup so this match is important to them."

"I believe friendlies like this should be a platform for what football is all about. Certainly, if we have anything to do with it, it will be a game to remember. Argentina's attitude in the world cup in 1978 suggests they think the same way," Ron Greenwood added.

At the same time, Greenwood will be looking for a victory as a confidence boost before his side travel to Italy next month for the European championships. League champions Liverpool provide the backbone of the English side with five representatives, but Greenwood will be looking to his exiled duo of Kevin Keegan and Tony Woodcock to topple the world champions.

Both have been in superb form in the West German League where Woodcock's displays have made him the toast of Cologne. Keegan, in his last days with Hamburg before returning to England to join Southampton, has masterminded his team's progression to their European Cup final date with Nottingham Forest in Madrid on May 28.

Table tennis proposed for 1988 Olympics

CALCUTTA, May 12 (R) — The Asian Table Tennis Union today endorsed a proposal for the inclusion of table tennis in the 1988 Olympic Games. A union official said a formal proposal

would be sent to the International Olympic Association.

Approval for the move was given at the union's biennial congress which coincides with the fifth Asian table tennis championships here.

Meanwhile, the richest ever table tennis tournament, the sport's first World Cup, will be staged in Hong Kong this summer. Roy Evans, president of the international federation, announced here today that 16 of the world's top players will contest £16,000 prize money in the new Cunard Centre, Hong Kong from August 28-31.

The new event, which will be held annually, will be restricted to a maximum of two players from any one country. The winner will collect \$5,500.

In the Calcutta games today Japan had little difficulty in defeating Malaysia in the men's team contest and Indonesia in the women's on the third day of the fifth Asian table tennis championships.

In fourth round, second stage, matches of the Round Robin Tournament continuing until May 18, the Japanese playing excellent table tennis overwhelmed their opponents without giving a game away.

Defending champions China downed India 3-0 in the women's team tournament. In another women's encounter, Thailand ousted Australia 3-1.

Balloonists crossing U.S. land in Quebec

QUEBEC, May 12 (R) — Balloonist Maxie Anderson and his son Kris today safely touched down on the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec to complete the first balloon flight across North America.

Anderson, 45, and his son 23, landed in the balloon Kitty Hawk about three kilometres south of Groses-Roches, 99 hours and 54 minutes after taking off from San Francisco last Thursday on the 4,800 kilometres trip. Pete Leavitt, a spokesman for the Andersons, said the flight was completely successful.

The Andersons had planned to land during the night at Presque Isle, Maine, but decided to wait until daylight to seek a flat, open space to land the 20-storey-high balloon.

In August 1978, Anderson and fellow balloonists Dan Abreu and Larry Newman began the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon crossing from Presque Isle, landing outside Paris.

Mr. Leavitt said he had spoken to Maxie Anderson, who was in Mutane near Groses-Roches, by telephone. "He feels great. He said this was one of the toughest flights he's been on as far as piloting the balloon, a lot of up and down," he said.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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West got his side off to a good start by cashing the ace of clubs. After any other lead, declarer would have set

up the spades with a ruffing finesse to take care of the club loser. Now it seemed that the slam was doomed to fail, for declarer would have to take the heart finesse, and a quick glance at the diagram is enough to show that the king is offside.

However, West chose to shift to a spade at trick two. Had he selected the ten of spades, all would have been well. Unfortunately for his side, he opted for the trey. Suddenly Silver saw a way to get home without resorting to the heart finesse. If he could get four heart discards on spades and one on the king of clubs, he was safe. Therefore, it would not help to put up a spade honor—that would set up at most three discards. So he followed with a low spade from dummy!

East went into a trance before deciding that it was just too risky to play the nine of spades. He went up with the ace of spades, and that was that! Declarer ruffed, drew trumps ending in dummy and then discarded all his heart losers on dummy's black-suit winners. Six diamonds bid and made.

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But president said freely exercising powers Rebel soldiers claim full control of Uganda

KAMPALA, May 12 (AP) — A spokesman for rebel soldiers loyal to Army Chief of Staff David Oyite Ojok said today they were in full control of

Uganda, but an aide to civilian President Godfrey Binaisa said Mr. Binaisa was still freely exercising the powers of his office.

Soldiers backing Brigadier Ojok held control of the government radio station and Kampala's main post office for the second day, although few soldiers were seen on the streets. Many office workers stayed home and the capital remained quiet.

"The military commission is in full control of the country," the spokesman said in Kampala. He said the commission was in continuous session.

Mr. Binaisa was at his official residence in Entebbe, 32 kilometres from Kampala. He was reported yesterday under the protection of soldiers from neighbouring Tanzania.

Asked whether Mr. Binaisa continued to act as president, an aide, reached by telephone, replied: "Oh, yes."

Unconfirmed reports said Brigadier Ojok and his military allies were at Entebbe, possibly for a meeting with Mr. Binaisa.

Travelers said Entebbe airport, about 1.6 kilometres from Mr. Binaisa's residence, remained open but Tanzanian soldiers there were on full alert. They said there was also a Tanzanian alert at Soroti airport in eastern Uganda, site of a flying school and an airstrip capable of taking jet planes.

The travelers said the Tanzanians were manning anti-aircraft gun positions at both airports.

Despite a military call for Ugandans to go to work as usual, streets were nearly deserted in Kampala and few cars were running at 8:30 a.m., when the city of 400,000 is usually bustling. Most taxis were not operating.

Banks, government offices and many shops opened an hour later, although many were short of workers. The post office, on the main street, remained closed under military guard.

The military revolt developed after Mr. Binaisa, citing a worse-

ning security situation, dismissed Brigadier Ojok from his army command Saturday. Supported by allies in the military commission, he refused to go.

The six-man commission commands troops and has no powers of decision. It is an arm of the National Consultative Council, the interim parliament pending elections scheduled for December.



President Binaisa

But the commission includes members Brigadier Ojok and Major-General Tito Okello, the army commander, both allies of former president Milton Obote. Mr. Obote, in Tanzania since he was overthrown by dictator Idi Amin in 1971, plans to return home this month to prepare for presidential elections in which he would be Mr. Binaisa's main opponent.

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Following air attack

Bahamas to consult U.N. about action against Cuba

NASSAU, May 12 (AP) — Accusing Cuba of an "illegal and unprovoked" air attack on a Bahamian gunboat and a terrifying flyover of a remote island town, the government of the Bahamas said it may protest to the United Nations.

The Bahamian national security council said it was protesting the Cuban actions "in the strongest terms," would consult the United Nations Security Council about taking action against Cuba and is demanding reparations to be named later.

Bahamian officials and the U.S. coast guard were searching today for four seamen missing and presumed dead in the waters just south of Cay San Domingo.

The Bahamian government said that on Saturday night, after the 31.4-metre gunboat Flamingo seized two Cuban fishing boats suspected of poaching in Bahamian waters, Cuban MIG jet fighters strafed and sank the gunboat. Cuban officials reportedly said they thought the Royal Bahamas Defence Force gunboat was a pirate ship.

Yesterday morning, the government said, Cuban jets, a transport plane and a helicopter made simulated rocket runs just above the treets of Duncan Town for several hours. The helicopter allegedly landed briefly. Duncan Town is on Ragged Island, about 104 kilometres north of the eastern Cuban coast.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department issued a statement saying the initial reports indicated Cuba was guilty of a "gross violation of international law."

The Bahamian council, after a 12-hour meeting in Nassau, demanded assurance from Cuban officials "that, in the future, the territorial integrity of the Bahamas will be respected."

Bahamian Minister for External Affairs Paul Adderley said he had received a message, "purporting to have come from the Cuban government," that claimed Cuban officials believed the Flamingo was a pirate ship attacking the fishing vessels and kidnapping the crew.

"Flamingo was of classical naval design, was painted gray naval colours, was flying the Bahamian flag and bore other marks of identification that would clearly distinguish her as a government ship," the council protested.

The Flamingo was believed to have been in the area on routine patrol to stop lobster and fish poachers in Bahamian waters. The Bahamas banned commercial fishing in 1975, claiming a 320-kilometre territorial limit. A number of U.S. and Cuban-American fishermen have been charged with violations, but Mr. Joe Edwards of the Bahamas news bureau said it was rare for Cuban boats to be found in Bahamian waters.

The incident was not believed to have any connection with the boatlift of Cuban refugees from the port of Mariel to Key West, Florida.

Cuban refugee total in U.S. swells to 36,000

KEY WEST, May 12 (AP) — A sudden resurgence in the Cuban boatlift has swelled the number of refugees reaching the United States to 36,000 and also claimed another victim.

After a three-day lull, possibly caused by thunderstorms along the Cuban coast, more than 5,300 refugees arrived yesterday. It was the largest single-day influx of the three-week seafast mounted by American small-boat owners sympathetic to the Cubans' plight.

Also arriving was the body of the seventh Cuban-American to die on the 90-mile route. The body of 58-year-old Rafael Trujillo was picked up by a coast guard cutter from a 24-foot boat en route to Key West from the Cuban port of Mariel with no refugees, coast guard officials said.

"The boat apparently had lost its way and the crew was disoriented," said Lieutenant J.G. Nimick. "They saw a tugboat pulling a barge and went over to ask directions. They accidentally ran into the tow line and the man suffered a severed jugular vein. He had bled to death when we arrived."

Coast guard cutters picked up 260 refugees from overloaded

vessels yesterday, and the navy amphibious assault ship Saipan carried 134 refugees picked up by coast guard helicopters.

Four hours were detained by U.S. officials over the weekend after their return from Mariel. A total of eight vessels have been detained since the boatlift began.

The U.S. Justice Department said boats considered dangerously unsafe or suspected of engaging in profiteering could face legal action.

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Pope ends Africa tour

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, May 12 (R) — Pope John Paul left Africa for Rome today after a triumphant ten-day tour which ended with a visit by helicopter to a leper colony.

"I wanted my last visit in Africa to be with you," the white-robed Pontiff told 250 lepers at the jungle-village of Adzope, 90 kilometres from here, run by French nuns.

"I would fail in my mission if I did not spend time with those whom Jesus loved particularly because of their misery, because they needed comfort, relief, healing and hope," he added.

After "helicoptering" back to Abidjan, the Pope bade farewell to Africa at an airport ceremony and warned Africans of the dangers of Western materialism as well as atheistic ideologies.

"Goodbye, Africa," he said before entering his Air Afrique DC-10 airliner for Rome.

The Pope told Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny and a big airport crowd that he had been encouraged in his six-nation tour, also including Zaire, the Congo, Kenya, Ghana and Upper Volta, by Africa's desire for progress.

"But the temptation is big to demolish instead of build, to buy arms at great cost for populations which need bread, to want to grab power while the poor dream of peace, or to succumb to the drunken desire for profit benefitting a privileged class," the Pope warned.

Alluding to Western consumer society, he added: "You do not have to imitate certain foreign models... You do not have to run after artificial needs which give you illusory freedom or which lead you to individualism."

Rejecting Marxist solutions for Africa, he said that "you also do not need to delude yourselves about the virtues of ideologies which make you dream of a complete happiness which is always postponed until tomorrow."

"Be yourselves," he urged Africans. "You can show the world that you can solve your own problems, with humanitarian, economic and cultural assistance which is only right, but guided in the correct direction."

The Pope added that Africans should set high standards of honesty, a sense of work, of service and the common good, and a deep sense of belonging to society.

World News Briefs

BRUSSELS, May 12 (R) — Some 150 parliamentarians today began a week-long conference on East-West and human rights in Europe. A group from Ireland was make a total of 29 delegations for the fourth conference Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union on the 1977 declaration. All major states among the 35 which signed the declaration, including the Soviet Union and United States, bers of the union and are taking part. The meeting will a Saturday with an advisory resolution to be passed to govern they prepare for November's Madrid follow-up conference. It takes place in a week when both the NATO and the Pact are analysing deteriorating East-West relations at co in Brussels and Warsaw.

LONDON, May 12 (R) — All Iranians will need visas to out from next Monday, the home office (interior ministry) a today. The move is one of a package of sanctions against Iran by European Common Market countries because of the detention of 50 American hostages there. It was decided to abolish visas for Iranians coming to Britain, but there, growing disquiet among politicians at the numbers now Iranian embassy has estimated there are some 100,000 in Britain. A bill enabling the government to order economic against Iran will be debated in parliament this week.

MOSCOW, May 12 (AP) — A new group of Soviet troops will begin leaving East Germany today, the Soviet news TASS reported. The Soviet Union has pledged to withdraw as 20,000 troops and 1,000 tanks by October. The latest will be the fifth since the Soviet Union began its unilateral programme last Dec. 5. The programme is designed to deter Soviet sincerity over reducing arms in central Europe. TASS say what units were involved in the latest pullout or how many men were involved. It said they were being transferred to areas of the Soviet Union. Western officials say the So still have nearly 400,000 troops stationed in East Germany planned pullout of 20,000 men is completed.

TOKYO, May 12 (AP) — The Japanese government has ordered Ambassador Riechi Maeda to leave his post in Afghanistan because of the continued presence of Soviet troops there, news service reported. The cabinet is expected to approve Maeda's departure tomorrow. Maeda's recall comes two after he temporarily left Kabul for Japan, a move to express opposition to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and to government there. The five-member Japanese embassy Kabul will remain for an unspecified time, Kyodo spokesman for Afghanistan's embassy in Tokyo declined comment.

BANGKOK, May 12 (R) — A four-year-old Laotian girl, Chanthi, will become the 100,000th Indochinese refugee to be taken from Thailand since last year's Geneva conference. The Geneva conference on Indochinese refugees in year brought greatly increased offers of new homes for stranded in Southeast Asian camps.

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain, May 12 (R) — Mild Spanish woman who raised about 2,000 orphans left by soldiers in Japan after World War Two, died here today, hospital spokesman said. Mrs. Sawada left Japan last month holiday in Spain. She was taken to hospital in Mallorca a week after she was diagnosed with cancer. The cause of death was not immediately released by the hospital reports reaching Tokyo said she had died of a heart attack 1948. Mrs. Sawada was president of the Elizabeth Sanders Oiso, south of Tokyo, caring for orphans of American soldiers and Japanese women born during the U.S. occupation of J

Brazil's church-state confrontation

By David Cerny-Jones

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's military-led right-wing government is beset by serious economic and labour problems and strained church-state relations, stirring fears that progress towards democracy may be delayed.

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petent to decide on the legality of the strike. At the same time, it decreed that workers should receive increases of between seven and eight per cent.

Union officials accepted the increases but decided to continue the dispute as management refused to give any guarantee on jobs.

The regional court then ruled that the maintenance of the strike was unlawful, paving the way for government action to bring about a settlement.

Eighteen union leaders were arrested under national security laws and other labour officials were removed from their posts and replaced by government appointees to renew negotiations with management.

But more than 150,000 workers defied orders to return to work and held rallies, banned by the police, to protest against the arrest of their leaders and show their determination to obtain their demands.

Church support

In the face of the government crackdown, the church came out openly in support of the workers, collecting strike funds, distributing food to families of poor workers and allowing churches to be used as meeting centres for strikers.

This support prompted the government to accuse Sao Paulo bishops of assuming the leadership of the strike. A presidential spokesman charged that they had broken their canonical laws by becoming entangled in politics.

Brazilian President Joao Figueiredo, who pledged to restore democracy when he took office little more than a year ago, said he disapproved of the church's involvement.

He added that he had heard that Sao Paulo Archbishop Paulo Evaristo Arns, an outspoken champion of the underprivileged, was encouraging workers to stay away from their jobs.

The Brazilian bishops, meeting in the capital Brasilia, rejected accusations that bishops or priests had adopted Marxist ideologies and said they supported the right of workers to strike without linking the church with any political party.

Cardinal Arns in defending his attitude said the right to strike was included in the Brazilian constitution and denied that the church was leading the workers' protests.

He appealed to the authorities to help defuse a tense situation by releasing union officials arrested for urging the continuation of the strike.

"The climate of tension in Sao Paulo could lead to reverberations throughout the country... We hope to avoid provocations and incitements to violence," the cardinal said.

A week after he spoke, hundreds of riot police and strikers fought a pitched battle in the Sao Bernardo suburb, the focal point of the strike, and more than 30 people were injured.

Hundreds more were detained and the tough police action caused many liberal-minded Brazilians to doubt the sincerity of the government's democratic intentions.

Leader arrested

The single step that has roused most concern was the arrest of Mr. Luiz Inacio da Silva, the head of the powerful 140,000-strong Sao Bernardo metalworkers union, who has been charged with incitement to strike.

Known throughout Brazil as "Lula," he recently founded a workers' party when government reforms introduced last year permitted a party system after 16 years of authoritarian rule.

He has gained tremendous popularity among the working classes and the respect of many middle class people for his untiring work in defence of workers' rights.

If he is convicted of the charges—it could be several months before he goes on trial—his political career will be over. A person found guilty of civil disobedience is barred from holding political office in Brazil.

The confrontation between the church and state over the Sao Paulo labour unrest has prompted press speculation that the Pope might cancel his visit to Brazil.

But the papal nuncio in Brasilia, Monsignor Carmine Rocco, told journalists recently that there was no question of a postponement.

No date or official programme has yet been announced although it has variously been suggested that the Pontiff would arrive in Brazil on June 30, July 4 or July 13 contributing to further rumours that the church and government cannot agree on an itinerary.

Progressive bishops would like the Pope to witness the deplorable conditions under which masses of Brazil's 120 million people live, while moderates and government

officials want to limit his holy shrines and public comments, according to sources.

Church and government officials deny differences exist over the Pope's visit to the populous Roman Catholic country in the world.

Progressive bishops

The Catholic Church in Brazil is dominated by repressive bishops who feel should speak out against the government's policies.

At the general assembly Brazilian bishops in the Sao Paulo state town of Itaboraí, prelates called for a distribution of land and protection for indigenous and small plot owners from land holders.

One bishop at the assembly described rural conditions in Brazil as "like the wild west, out as a sheriff" and added that not unusual for poor farmers have their crops seized by government on behalf of multinationals.

Less than one per cent of owners occupied about 20 per cent of the land, he said.

Understanding between church and government has been helped by the church's attitude to political intervention introduced by Gen Figueiredo's predecessor, General Ernesto Geisel, in 1978.

The measures stripped Br military president of some of extensive powers adopted the army seized power in a 1964, but the church's real was far from enthusiastic.

"The reforms did not offer guarantee that the doctrine national security which the church opposes because it is based on trust will be replaced by a model that will defend the common interest only," Cardinal Aloisio Lorscheider, president the bishops conference at time, said.

He added: "Until now we certain that the people feel it are mere spectators to the political process. It is of fundamental importance that those who govern remain at the service of common good and can only at the power if it is granted to the by the community."

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